

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending. The Examiner indicates allowable subject matter in Claims 7-13, 29-30, 40 and 42-47.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-6, 14-28, 31-39 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,535,493 ("Lee") in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0094813 ("Koshimizu"). Applicants hereby respectfully inform the Examiner that:

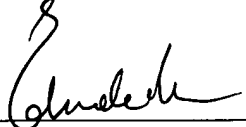
Statement of Common Ownership to Obviate a Rejection
under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0094813 is not available as prior art because, at the time the invention of the present application was made, the present application (serial no. 10/056,938) and U.S. patent application, serial no. 10/043,200, on which U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0094813 is based, were owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to NTT DoCoMo, Inc., Tokyo, Japan.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 7-13, 29-30, 40 and 42-47.

Therefore, Applicants believe that all pending claims (i.e., Claims 1-47) are allowable, and respectfully request their allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants at 408-392-9250.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 7, 2004.

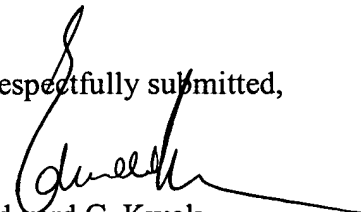


Attorney for Applicant(s)

12/7/2004

Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,



Edward C. Kwok
Attorney for Applicant(s)
Reg. No. 33,938